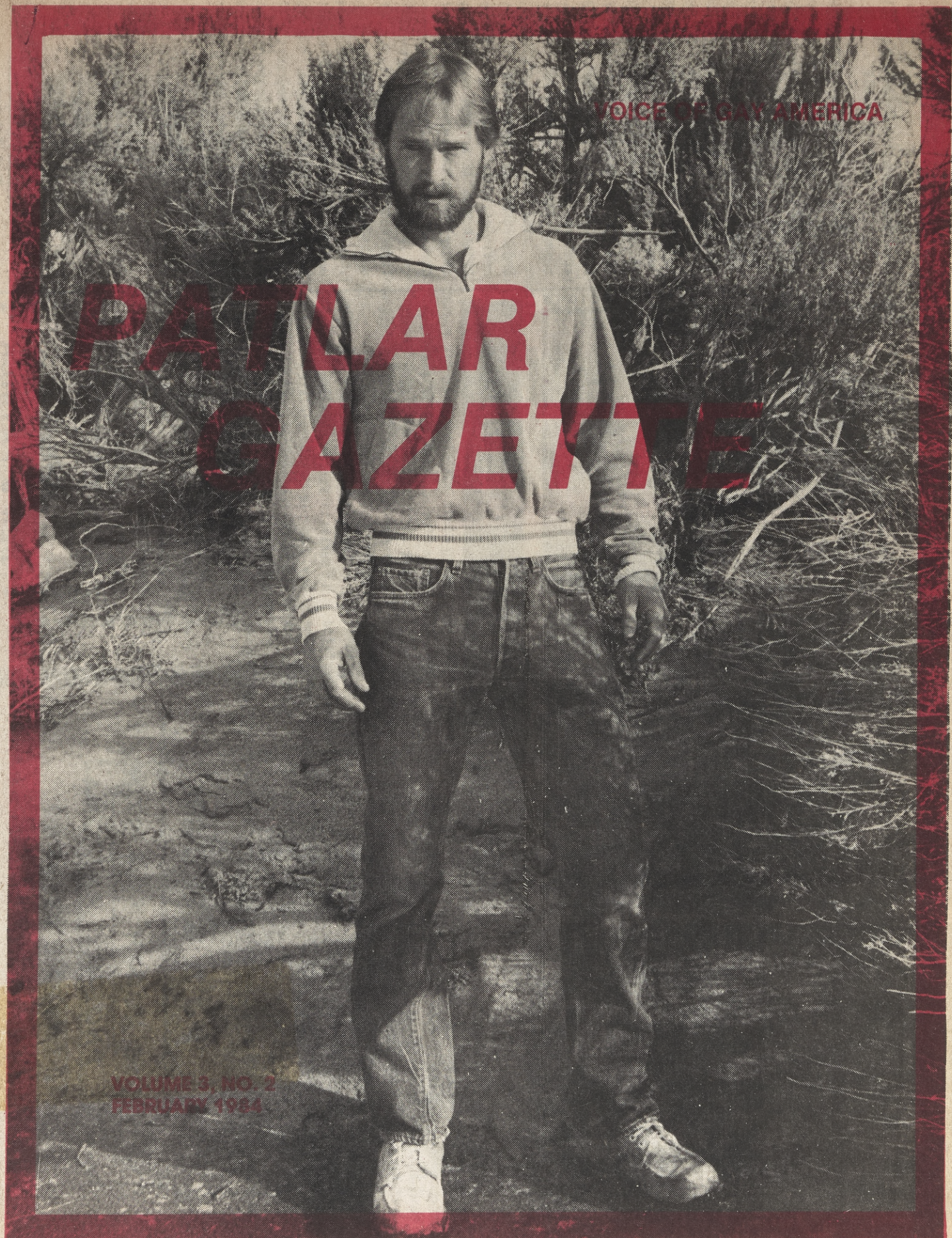

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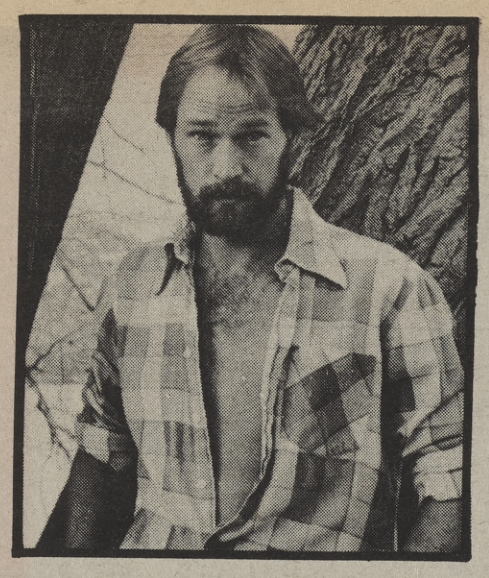

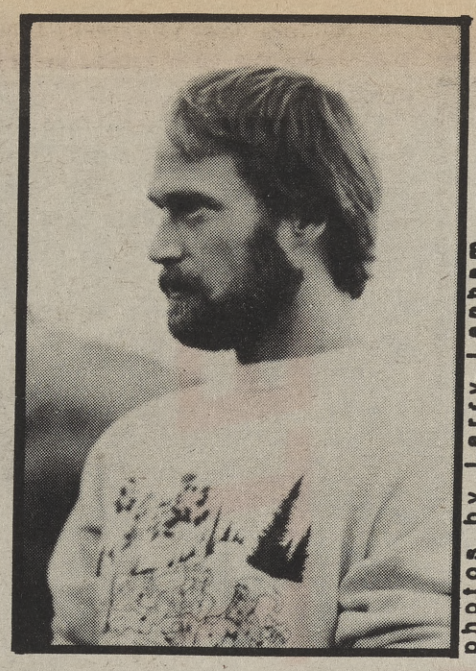

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PATLAR GAZETTE'S coverperson for this month is Mark, a construction worker from Carson City, Nevada. Mark enjoys chopping wood, jet skiing, and the out-of-doors--especially sun and water; he has a favorite hot springs where he likes spending his leisure hours. Believe it not, Mark has a "thing" for haystacks!

GAY ENGINEER SUES CIA

An electronics engineer who is gay and a worker for gay causes has sued the CIA, alleging it is illegally refusing to act on his request for a security clearance because of his sexual orientation.

Richard Gayer recently filed in US District Court in San Francisco, saying he is in danger of being laid off his job at GTE Products Corp. in Mountain View because he cannot work on many of its government contracts without the security clearance.

Gayer claims that the CIA has a separate screening standard for gay people that violates their rights to due process, equal protection, freedom of speech, and freedom of association.

Gayer's suit asks the court to order the CIA either to grant or to deny a security clearance within four months and to order the CIA to apply "one policy to all people, regardless of sexual orientation."

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The Kitchen Fairy

A VALENTINE'S DINNER FOR TWO.

My theme this month is love. Not the pure, unadulterated kind, but the kind a man can rise up to. I mean, this is Valentine's month, so let's make it throb! And, my dear, a box of chocolate bon-bons is not going to bring things to a head! If you want to create your own February thaw, if you want the sap to rise before spring, you've got to pull off some hunky, heavy romance. Candlelight, soft music, the scent of leather and, of course, the oral pleasures of the love feast I have provided.

Champagne
(Rose with dinner)
Ham Throb
(Ham Steak with Mustard Sauce)
Oh, My Sweets!
(Sauteed Sweet Potatoes)
P.P.
(Pureed Peas)
Gingerbed
(Gingerbread with:
Honey-Vanilla Ice Cream)

HAM THROB Serves: 2

Oink go the strings of my heart! Like so many of the things I adore, the sauce makes all the difference! Yes, Virginia, there is a Kitchen Fairy!

Preparation Time: 25 minutes
Cooking time: Sauce--30 minutes
Ham----10 minutes

Ingredients:
3 Tablespoons minced onion
1 1/2 Tablespoons butter
1 Tablespoon flour
1 1/4 cups beef broth
1 clove
1/4 bay leaf
A pinch (thank you!) of thyme
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon brown sugar (sweet thing!)
1/2 teaspoon vinegar (pucker up!)
a 1/2-inch thick ham steak
1/3 stick butter, melted
4 teaspoons bread crumbs
4 teaspoons grated Parmesan

Preparation:

1. Toss the 1 1/2 Tablespoons butter and the mincing onion into an enameled or stainless steel saucepan, and cook over medium heat till golden as a California hustler.

2. Throw in the flour and stir till golden.

3. With a wire whisk, swish in the broth in a stream. Add the clove, bay leaf and thyme, and bring to a boil.

4. Turn down your heat, honey, and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

5. Swish in the mustard, your brown sugar, vinegar, a bit of salt and pepper and cook over medium heat for a few minutes. Strain and keep warm.

6. Brush your ham with melted butter and broil for 5 minutes on the first side.

7. Flip your meat, brush with butter, sprinkle with bread crumbs and Parmesan, dribble with butter and broil for five more minutes.

8. Serve with your sauce.

Oh, My Sweets! Serves: 2

Hot and fast and tastey! Oh, my sweets!

Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

Ingredients:
2 sweet potatoes (about 1 pound)
2 Tablespoons butter
1 Tablespoon oil

Preparation:

1. Skin your sweets. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Throw into a saucepan and cover with cold, salted water. Bring to a boil and drain toot sweet! (Immediately, doll!)

2. Melt the butter and oil in a skillet and cook your sweets over medium-high heat for 12 to 15 minutes till tender.

P.P. Serves: 2

My dear, this is the pea divine!

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

1 (10-ounce) package of frozen peas
2 teaspoons chopped onion
1/2 cup water
2 Tablespoons softened butter
2 Tablespoons milk
A healthy pinch of dried thyme
Salt and pepper, to taste

Preparation:

1. Cook the peas and onion and water according to package directions, and drain.

2. Throw into a blender or food processor and give them a whirl till smooth. Add everything else and whirl again!

Gingerbed

Coffee, hot and black (my, my)--warm gingerbread and cold, creamy, honey-vanilla ice cream. If you haven't a grand gingerbread recipe, do whip up a mix. The seductive combination of flavors will win you more than a few accolades, my dear! The perfect climax to the perfect evening!

Happy Valendining! And don't miss next month's column: Coming in like a lion. Going out like a lion. Till next we eat, yummy down and kiss, kiss...

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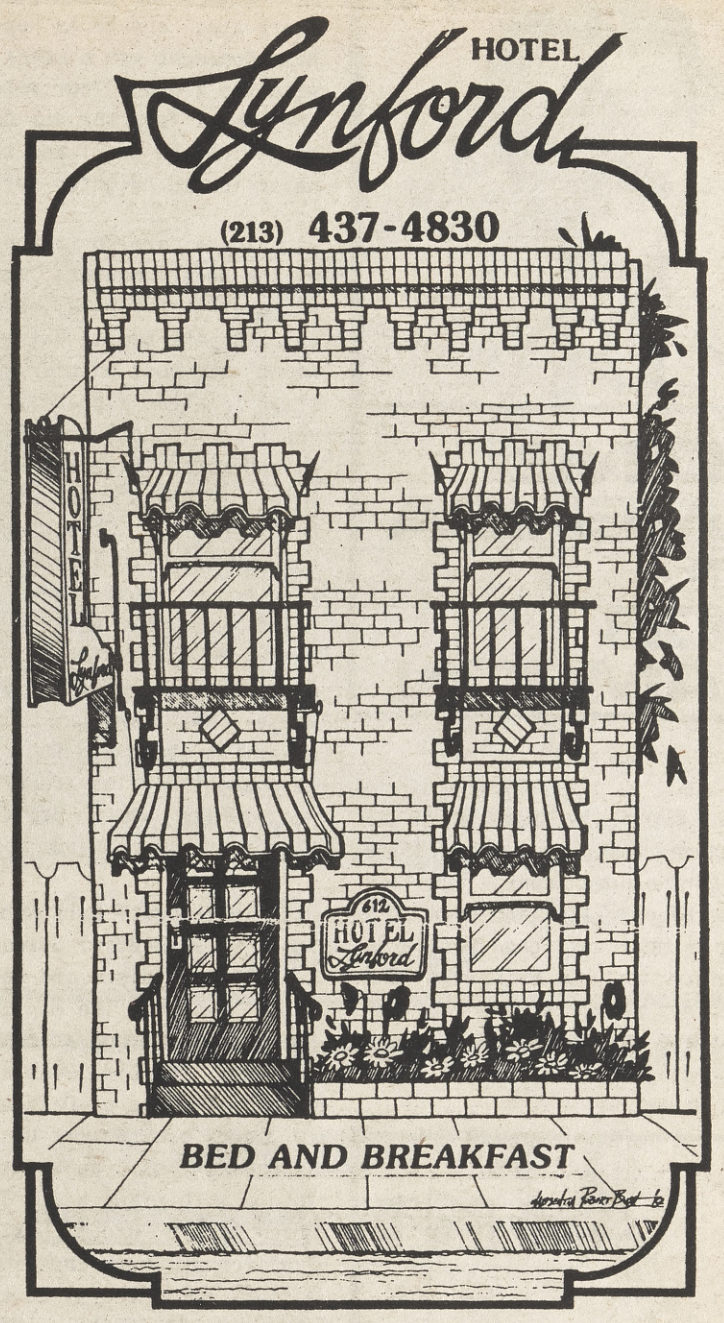

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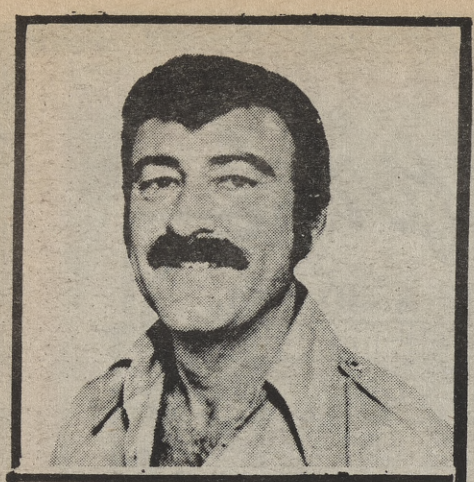

DOING AMERICA WITH BOB DAMRON

KEY WEST

In America's most tropical outpost, Key West, even the oldtime Conch (pronounced conk) families have more or less accepted the growing number of gay visitors. Let's face it, we bring in the bucks. The rednecks have all but disappeared and the community has just recently elected Richard Heyman as Mayor.

His Honor is an art dealer from up north who moved here ten years ago, and he is openly gay. His opponent ran a smear campaign with the slogan "Your vote will set the Moral Tone for our Community." How right he was, and the future never looked brighter for us.

There are so many hot numbers at the guest houses, motels, or whatever that you may never make it out to the bars. But who cares? Among the most popular places to stay (listed alphabetically so I won't get shot) are Big Ruby's, Casa Donovan, Club Key West Baths & Motel, Cypress House, Duval House, Early House, Island House, Key Lodge Motel, La Terreza de Marti, Lighthouse Court, New Spindrift, Palms of Key West, Sea Isle, Southwind Motel, The Pines, Wicker Guest House, and William Street House. Most are gay oriented but mixed; however, Big Ruby's Club Key West and the Palms are strictly for men, while women prefer Ellie's Nest or the Southwind.

Speaking of bars, the Copa Key West at 623 Duval Street is the current 'in' disco and has a great sound system. The Monster at 400 Front Street has a lush tropical setting. The Old Plantation, and Michael's, where Delmonico's used to be, are new. Upstairs at Michael's is an entertainment lounge with piano bar. This gets a more mature group, as does the Papillon at South and Simonton. The latter has a cruisy cocktail hour on some afternoons. Last but certainly not least is the 1 Saloon on Applerouth Lane just off Duval Street. This is where the western and leather jocks hang out. Interesting flicks too. On Sunday afternoons, everyone goes to the T-Dance at La Te Da.

Of the many excellent restaurants in Key West, Claire and La Te Da are predominately gay, but almost every place is mixed, and the attitude is live and let live. Some of my favorites are Antonia's, Bagatelle, Bubbles, Cafe des Artistes, Chez Emile, Lazy Afternoon, Louie's Backyard, and the Buttery. Camilles is fun for breakfast and the Half Shell Raw Bar for lunch. If you are broke and brave, you might enjoy a funky, neighborhood joint called La Lechonera, which translates to The Pig.

A scene in Key West.

Quaint old Key West with a population of only 25,000, is the southernmost city in the continental United States. It can be reached by the tedious, long, narrow Overseas Highway (some 160 miles from Miami) or by frequent daily flights to and from Tampa or Miami via Air Florida or PBA. Long before it was discovered by most of us in the early seventies, it was once a favorite with such diversified celebs as John James Audibon, Ernest Hemingway, and Harry Truman.

Once in the tiny "Conch Republic," you don't really need a car, especially if you like walking or cycling. Except for an occasional summer hurricane, there is a moderate year-round temperature and superb climate. Along the sandy beaches can be found sunbathing, swimming, snorkling, scuba diving, sailing, jogging, and fishing. If you tire of these activities, join the gang at cruisy Mallory Square for the sunset ritual, or just about anywhere else at anytime for that matter. I always immediately succumb to the special ambiance that is Key West, and I think you will too.

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HOROSCOPES

By Dr. Pat Larr

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18)--The Fates endow you with a double dose of insight this month. And you catch sight of many who are similarly well endowed. Enjoy!

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)--Don't be intimidated by the size of your accomplishments. That special someone you've had your eye on has nothing to brag about in the size department either. You'll have to look elsewhere for someone who measures up to your exacting standards.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)--Your life is chugging along on the right track right now. Try to keep a firm grip on yourself or you may be derailed.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)--You're hot again this month. Everyone wants to rub up against your bod. Try to get it all out of your system this time.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20)--Why are all the weirdos attracted to you? Lay low this month unless you want to spend your nights sleeping on rubber sheets. Then again maybe that's not such a bad idea.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22)--Be careful this month, moonbabe. You may run into something hot and throbbing just around the next corner. Is it love or only a group of break dancers?

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22)--Your hard work pays off this month. Little things begin to grow. Bursting forth to shower you in the golden rain of Romance. Enjoy!

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22)--An intriguing time for ever curious Virgos. You find yourself frequently shedding your clothes as well as your inhibitions. Wear your best underwear at all times (or none at all).

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22)--A strange feeling creeps up on you mid-month. This could be the start of something big where romance is concerned, but have no fear, you'll rise to the occasion.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22)--Jupiter in your House of Finance signals monetary gain for you this month. As your wallet swells, everyone will notice you when you flash that big wad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)--The green-eyed monster sets his sights on you, but give that special someone the benefit of the doubt. Why would anyone want to cheat on a doll like you?

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)--The butt of too many jokes lately? Getting behind in your work in a big way? It's time to get those buns in shape. The moon has been in Uranus long enough.

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Feb. 14-15 — Berlin Alexanderplatz — **A Prostitute Meets A Peddler**
Feb. 16 — Glenda Jackson in **Stevie** and **Priest of Love**
Feb. 17-18 — Kinski - Nureyev — **Exposed** and **Cat People**
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Euphemia

By Euphemia Eurus

Dear Euphemia,

My twenty-year-old son, Johnny Bob, was home from college for Christmas. He is our only child and we have high hopes for him. He's a good boy with a good Christian upbringing, take my word for it. His Dad and I have seen to that.

When Johnny Bob returned to college after the holidays, imagine how shocked I was to find a copy of the filthy rag which you write in John's wastebasket, when I was cleaning up his room. I understand the principle of "freedom of the press." At least, I've always thought I did. But when it comes to such trash as the patlar gazette (notice, please, that under no circumstances would I ever dignify such refuse by capitalizing its so-called title), I think things have gone just too far.

As devoutly as I might wish to--and I do so devoutly wish--I realize that as things stand now there is nothing that I can do to stop you. I feel certain, however, that in time decent society will out, and you and your kind will be vanquished. Perhaps not in my lifetime.

However, surely you as writer of that awful piece of phornography (sic) have some sense of fair play and will listen to a mother's sincere plea, which is:

Please limit the distribution of your publication to places where innocent young people will not be subjected to it or tempted by it. Surely there are plenty of places where hardened adults go that would be, by everyone's standards, much more appropriate for your paper.

Sincerely,

An Anxious Parent in Tulsa

Dear Anxious,

Put this on your phornograph (sic) and spin! Perhaps one of the most intolerable acts described in your rantings was your "finding" the PATLAR GAZETTE in the garbage can in your son's room. (Notice I did capitalize the name of said "trash", because I'm literate and tend to rise above ignorance, even though it runs rampant in this country.) People like you tend to "understand the principle of freedom of the press" like you would tend to get devoured by piranha if you fell in the Amazon. You try to adjust the law to your convictions and, in so doing, subvert the entire democratic process in the name of religion. (Christianity is not a democratic religion, dear.)

Now, about our distribution. We distribute in areas where children don't necessarily go. We distribute in areas where adults may find our newspaper something to stimulate them to read about people much like themselves. We in no way tend to subvert or convert. Softened adults may read it or take the option of tossing it in the can or sharing it with friends.

I have a sinking feeling that 20-year-old Johnny Bob will not find much support from you when he tries to tell you that he's not as "good as you and his dad had seen to." Perhaps, knowing that he lived with mom, the super spy, for years, he thought a well-placed PATLAR in the garbage would be his first step to helping you see that he wants to talk to you. And, honey, when he does, I hope you're armed with the biblical kindness that the message of Jesus spreads, and love your son for who he is, not what he stuffs wherever.

So, turn off your phornograph (sic) and tune into your son's real needs.

E.E.

Dear Euphemia,

For three years now I've worked in a store in Pittsburgh where the Assistant Buyer has always been both a horse's ass and a homophobe with a capital H. I've always been real careful to dress and act conservative, but Mr. Macho sensed that I was gay and always made my life miserable by taunting me about it, usually when other people weren't around. Well, wouldn't you know! About a week ago Mr. Macho got his. And with finality. He literally croaked. Fell over dead as a doornail in the men's tie department. A massive coronary someone said, but I think it was death from sheer meanness.

This place is one heck of a lot nicer place to work in since Mr. Macho's abrupt, welcome departure. Since I despised the guy, I refused to either contribute to his flowers or attend his funeral.

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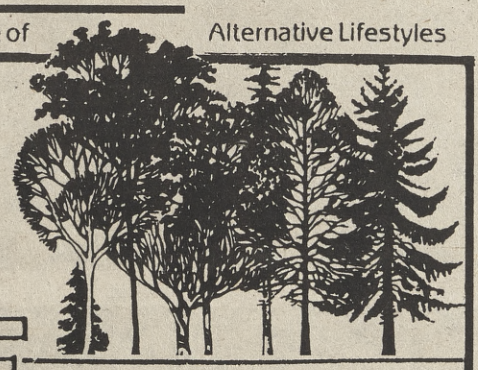

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Yours,

Ronald

Ronald:

God works His mysteries, doesn't He? Mr. Macho got his just desserts. Your friends got to feel guilty about hating him while he was alive. You got to demonstrate just how stubborn your are.

Now, everyone is happy. The flack goes away. It usually does. The darkest hour is before the dawn, unless, of course, you live in Point Barrow.

Maybe you should frame a picture of the deceased and establish an altar to him. See who worships it daily. Harass those who don't.

However, I believe the most constructive thing to do is get on with your job and remember the lessons of "prickdom" you learned from Mr. M.

E.E.

Faux Pas

By Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

Recently I was invited to a cocktail party given by a very tres gay friend of mine. When I arrived at the party and the host answered the door, I saw over his shoulder what looked like a very formal and decidedly straight party. Not wanting to cause a scene, I offered the host my hand by way of greeting instead of the kiss I usually bestow. The host accepted my hand with a quizzical look. It wasn't until later in the party, after I'd met some of the other guests, that I realized that it was indeed a gay party. Don't you think my host should have made this clear to me at the outset?

Ever,

Evan

Dear Evan,

Yes, it is the host's duty to make the nature of the party clear at the very beginning. One way to do this is through the use of formal invitations--J.P. Studley requests your presence at a cocktail party to entertain his new boss J.R. Littledick, etc. The initial greeting at the door should be instigated by the host--either a handshake or a kiss which may subtly clue the arriving guests into the nature of the party. There's nothing worse, while entertaining one's grandparents, then to open the door to find some flaming queen who grabs one's crotch and yell out, "How 'bout a rematch, big boy!"

Sincerely,

Edwards Endicott Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

I like to wear my black leather jacket all day long, wherever I go, whatever I do. I'll bet you can't name a time when it wouldn't be proper to wear black leather.

Yours,

Winston

Dear Winston,

I've always found black leather rather awkward when having sex in the shower (with or without a partner).

Sincerely,

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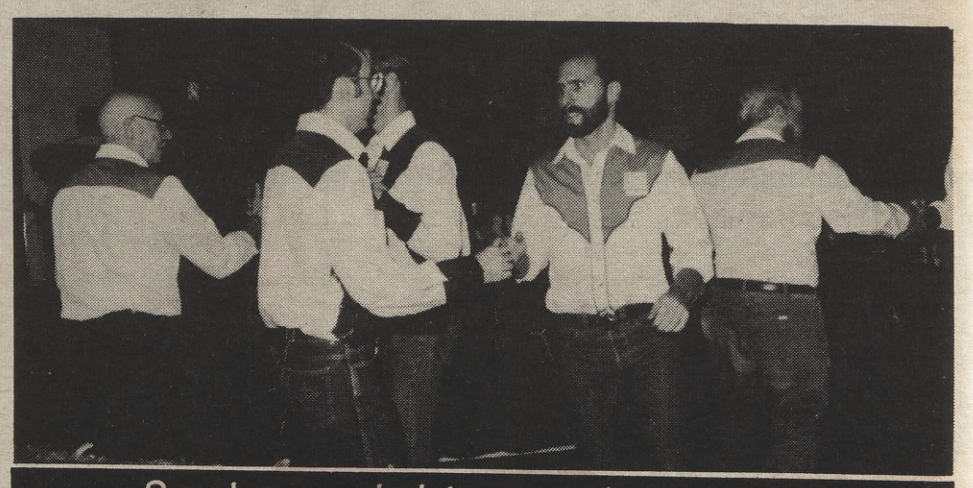

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The December issue of TEENAGE MAGAZINE reported that less than a quarter of teenagers surveyed believe being gay is "socially acceptable." The rest think it ranges somewhere between "unacceptable" and "weird." The responses came from 1000 teenagers between the ages of 13 and 19.

Although a majority of young people have negative views about homosexuality, a majority--55%--don't think gays should be kept out of teaching, government jobs, or public office. About a third of those surveyed say they know of gay students in their school, about an equal number said they did not, and the rest said they weren't sure. Twenty-six percent said fellow students hassled gay classmates. Thirty-four percent said they would be uncomfortable if a friend said he or she was gay or lesbian.

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Psychologist Patty Devlin of California State University reports in a new study that homophobia is more likely among men whose fathers berated their "sissy" actions during childhood. The researcher studied 130 heterosexual men and found that this type of father also produced sons who have the least number of intimate relationships with other straight men. These sons also grow up to be less open and intimate with women.

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A study released recently by the National Association of Social Workers revealed that wives of gay men often became depressed and suicidal when their spouses reveal their same-gender orientation. The study of 103 women who married gay or bi-sexual men found that most wives eventually regain their self-esteem.

Researcher Jean S. Gochros revealed that the manner in which the husband told his wife could make the initial depression less severe. However, women who react positively at first frequently became depressed later. Most wives feel criticized and stigmatized when they find themselves in such circumstances.

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A nationwide survey revealed that the sexual orientation of a political candidate is not an essue to many people. A telephone survey of 1,653 people conducted by the LOS ANGELES TIMES recently showed that about 47 percent would not be influenced in their vote by the homosexuality of a candidate.

Laws banning job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation were supported by 52 percent of the respondents. Yet, the same respondents said they were unsympathetic to the gay community.

The gay community has been organizing into a prominent political force in recent years and the poll indicated a strong resentment of this increased activism in some parts of the country. Anti-gay feelings were most pronounced in the South, West, and among fundamentalists.

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A Michigan State University researcher recently reported that among males that she had studied, masculine males apparently received less love from their mothers and more from their fathers, while feminine males were raised in the opposite situation. Masculine women were raised by parents who were both masculine. Feminine females considered both parents to be feminine.

The study on sex roles and how they develop was done by psychologist Linda Jackson who interviewed 103 students and 82 of their parents.

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Researchers delving into human behavior have reported findings which indicate that sexual orientation develops to some extent prior to birth. Evidence suggests that homosexuality may be established during the prenatal period when chemical or hormonal patterns are imprinted on the brain.

This suggests that homosexuality does not result from upbringing or other environmental influences. Research with animals shows that stress during pregnancy reduces the level of testosterone available to male fetuses, resulting in homosexual behavior. Scientists believe this results because the fetuses brains have been partially feminized.

A study of males born in an European countries before, during, and after world war II supports this theory. It was found that more gay males were born during the last stressful years of the war than before or after.

It is also believed that hormones may cause a susceptibility to AIDS in men. It is known that males and females have different immune systems. It is possible that the same process which partially feminizes the brains of gay men during the prenatal period may also change the immune system, providing for its malfunction.

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A recent survey of adult Italians revealed they have a liberal attitude about gay people--as long as friends and family members are not involved. Some 70% of those surveyed felt that Italian society was too harsh toward gays, and 50% believed the "plight of homosexuality" should be eased. However, 75% said they would do anything necessary to change the sexual orientation of their offspring from gay to straight. An overall majority of those polled equated gay life to drug abuse, sexual disease, child molestation, pornography, and prostitution, although most of those under 30 saw homosexuality as a normal and acceptable sexual orientation.

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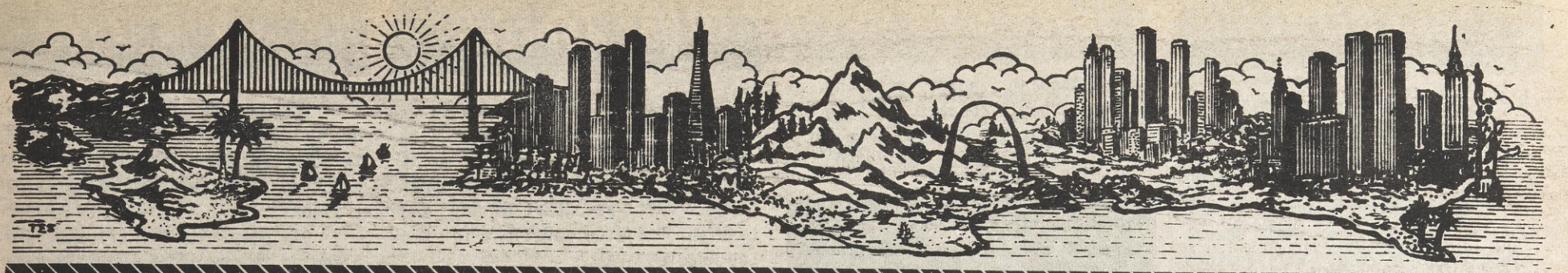

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HOUSTON

Recently, Houston's Mayor, Kathy Whitmire, paid surprise visits to ten gay bars in that city. Her purpose was to thank the city's homosexual community for support in her recent re-election.

She was joined by three city councilmen and 35 other supporters. They made the tour via a double-decker bus.

At one bar she said: "I want to say very sincerely that I'm proud to have your support. It was a very tough election, and a lot of people in this room helped me out. We won, and we won big, and I want to thank you."

Whitmire defeated Bill Wright to earn her second term. The Gay Political Caucus of Houston unanimously endorsed her.

JACKSON

In Jackson, three transvestite homosexual prostitutes who said last year that they had had sex with successful Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Allain now have confessed that they never met him. Furthermore, they say they were paid to make the claims during his campaign.

A Jackson lawyer who supervised an investigation of Allain's personal life said the confessions were "fully expected and [are] no surprise."

BATON ROUGE

Baton Rouge Area Gay Political Action Caucus was formed to work for the rights of Louisianians. To join, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for applications and information to PO Box 19098, Baton Rouge, LA 70893.

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The Metropolitan Community Church of Baton Rouge had its first congregational meeting recently at Laurel St. All subsequent meetings will be held at the same address, 8 PM every Sunday. Any individual, regardless of denomination, is welcome to attend.

PHILADELPHIA

A gay activist has become the first openly gay appointment to a municipal position in Philadelphia.

Walter Lear, founder of Delaware Valley Gay and Lesbian Activists for Peace and Social Justice, was named an appointee to the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations. The appointment which became effective in January was made by Mayor Wilson Goode.

READING

The Reading, Pennsylvania police reported that Scott Alan Hunsberger was apprehended in Columbus, Ohio late in December.

He was arrested at a shopping mall where he was observed by an individual who remembered the wanted-person bulletins on Hunsberger that appeared in the gay newspapers across the nation. He was sought by seven jurisdictions over a wide geographical area.

The Reading police expressed their gratitude to the members of the Gay Press Association for their co-operation in printing the wanted-person bulletins and to the gay community for getting involved.

BOSTON

Boston voters recently elected the city's first openly gay member of the City Council. Massachusetts is now the first state in the nation to have had gay public officials at all three levels of government. David Scondras, a Boston community activist, won by 103 votes in a hotly contested election.

OKLAHOMA

In 1978 the Oklahoma Legislature passed an act, the Helm Law, which was directed at gay teachers, student teachers, or teachers' aides who support or advocate gay rights. The law was passed in conjunction with a visit to the legislature by Anita Bryant. In October 1980 a lawsuit challenging the law was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma and the National Gay Task Force. The suit is now before a three-judge panel of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. Observers note that the judges' questions were interesting and they indicated a good understanding of the issues. It is difficult to predict the timing of judicial decisions, but it is anticipated that a decision will be reached early in 1984.

MIAMI

In the Miami area, 12-to-15 member "venereal disease blitz" teams made up of health officials have been active lately. The teams stalk bars armed with needles, syringes, and pamphlets; their aim is to stop the spread of penicillin-resistant gonorrhea and syphillis. They draw blood samples from bar patrons, test it for diseases, and lecture anyone who will listen about VD.

According to Dr. Jorge Caceres, a Dade County health official, "The reception has been pretty good. The [investigators] are trained to do the job professionally and to be humane and compassionate."

The blitz teams confidentially interview people at bars and ask about their medical histories and their sex partners if they are found to be infected.

PONCA

The Fifth Annual all-boy Buffalo River Float is set for May 5th and 6th. Each person is responsible for providing his own food, tent,

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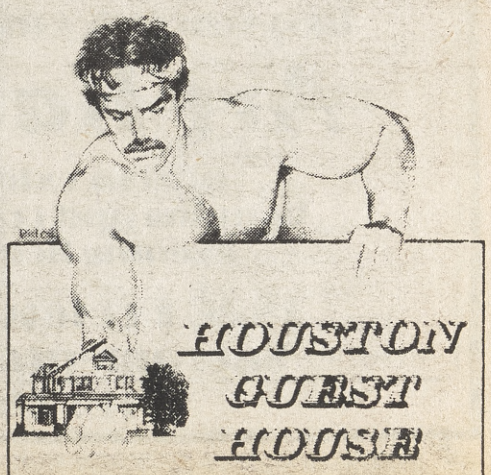

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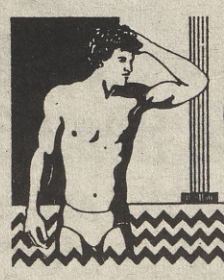

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OAK GROVE

A workshop on gay ageing is planned for late April in Arkansas. The two-day workshop will deal with subjects such as the needs and problems of age, ageism, death, legal, and medical aspects of gay ageing. Persons who are interested in attending and/or offering a workshop should contact Jim Long or Josh Young at the Manitwo Farm, Rt. 4, Box 256, Oak Grove, AR 72660.

IOWA

The need for rural outreach by lesbian/gay service organizations will be dealt with in a conference in mid-April in Iowa. Those interested in attending should contact GLA (Gays and Lesbians of Ames), PO Box 2283, Ames, IA 50010.

LOS ANGELES

The first massed concert of lesbian and gay bands is scheduled June 1984 in Los Angeles. The event is being sponsored by Christopher Street West as a part of Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebrations in the Los Angeles area.

The Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA) is a national group which was established to encourage bands in gay communities. LGBA can be contacted c/o The San Francisco Band Foundation, 540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 641-4265.

ALBUQUERQUE

Plans are being developed to make Albuquerque's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week '84 a "big time" production. The financial requirements of such an effort is now the focus of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week coordinator's committee.

The committee hopes to sponsor several new events in '84, including a sports day and a community dance. Ruben Garcia is the committee's newly elected permanent chairperson. The coordinator's committee also hopes to publish a multi-page program covering all the events of the week, background information, and significant developments in the gay and lesbian movement during the fifteen years since the Stonewall riots.

Gay and Lesbian Pride Week '84 will be observed in Albuquerque from Jun 16-24.

Representatives from all gay and lesbian organizations are encouraged to become involved. For information call Ruben Garcia at (505) 256-0595.

NEW ORLEANS

World Expo '84 will open in New Orleans on May 16 and will run through September 16. The event is expected to draw around 11 million visitors.

Gay people in New Orleans are planning to open a gay pavillion in conjunction with World Expo '84. The project is being organized by a group called Crescent City Coalition (CCC). The theme of the pavillion will be "Stonewall +15."

The "Stonewall +15" exhibits will attempt to explain the gay lifestyle and illustrate past, present, and future expectations.

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Gifts were given to prisoners at Orleans Parish Prison by members of DIGNITY during the recent holiday season. DIGNITY is an organization of lesbian and gay Catholics and their friends.

Items difficult for inmates to obtain were included such as tables, pencils, stamped envelopes, sheets of colored paper with colored felt-tip pens, Christmas cards, and puzzle booklets.

The annual practice of preparing packets began four years ago when DIGNITY learned of the neglect of the persons in the prison areas designated as Homosexual Tiers. These men, numbering approximately 100, are isolated from the prison population and are not permitted to participate in programs, work details, or other activities. Their days are full of idleness, TV, and boredom.

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The Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, recently issued a long-expected executive order banning anti-gay discrimination in that state's government. Cuomo had promised the order as part of his campaign last year and thereby gained extensive support from New York gays. The order was a weakened version of the original draft that activists had been hoping for, however. New York gay political activists have pledged to keep pressuring Cuomo to make the order more extensive and enforceable.

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Over 200 physcians and medical students from across the country attended the scientific meeting of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) which was recently held at Beth Israel Medical Center.

Among other issues, strong concerns surrounding patient confidentiality in AIDS research were highlighted. AAPHR committed itself to the stand that research studies, whether private or governmental, must preserve the confidentiality of the patient.

Furthermore, no patient-identifying information, such as name or social security number, should be transmitted to any research agency. In doing so, this would protect the patient's right of privacy against any form of discrimination. The AAPHR Board has made a strong committment to assure that research in the area of AIDS will be expedited, while respecting the patient's privacy.

Plans for the AAPHR Annual Scientific Meeting were formalized. This educational program concerning the major health care needs of gay/lesbian individuals will be presented at the Marriot Hotel, Chicago, August 22-25, 1984. Interested individuals should contact the AAPHR Office for further details: PO Box 14366, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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The first international conference on lesbian and gay health issues is scheduled for June 16-19, 1984 in New York City. The sponsor of the event is the National Gay Health Education Foundation, and the theme is "Toward Diversity."

The theme was selected to reflect a multi-focus purpose, with special emphasis on Third World, international, and lesbian health concerns.

Organizers expect that more than 1000 people from 20 countries will be represented at the June meeting. The conference will be held at a Manhattan location to be announced later. Inquiries and proposals should be directed to Michael Shernoff or Fern Schwaber, 80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1305, NY, NY 10011, (212) 206-1009.

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SAN FRANCISCO

A one-day conference will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, entitled "Lesbians Choosing Children: A Legal, Social and Medical Look at Conception by Donor Insemination." Parents, prospective parents, and concerned legal and medical professionals will explore the issues raised by donor insemination. Workshops will include: considering children, choosing a donor, health screening, choosing medical services, lesbian parenting, being a biological or non-biological parent, and the legal implications of donor insemination.

The conference is being sponsored by the Lesbian Rights Project and the Gay and Lesbian Caucus at UCSF in cooperation with the Community Women's Center, Lyon-Martin Clinic, and the Northern California Sperm Bank.

The conference will take place 9 AM-4:30 PM at Cole Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus, Second Floor. Cost will be on a sliding scale of $10-$50. Childcare is available upon advance notice and the site is wheelchair accessible. For further information or a conference brochure, call the Lesbian Rights Project, M-F, 3-5 PM, (415) 621-0675 or write LRP, 1370 Mission Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.

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Reno's annual Closet Ball will be held on Sun., Feb. 12, at the Space Theatre. It's amazing how year after year Reno's hottest men take this one night to be some of Reno's most different "women." The Sweetheart Ball at Imagine That on Valentine's Day will feature the naming of Reno's second King and Queen of Hearts. The always popular Iola, the fabulous Jack-E, and Queen of Hearts I, Pinky, will be on hand to officiate.

For those of you not all that familiar with the gay community of Reno, we have nine bars, a bathhouse, four gay or gay-managed motels, and very soon, Reno's newest gay bar, the Depot, will be adding Hamburger Helen's Dining Car, our only restaurant. Most of the bars are open 24 hours, and we try very hard to live up to our reputation of being THE party town!

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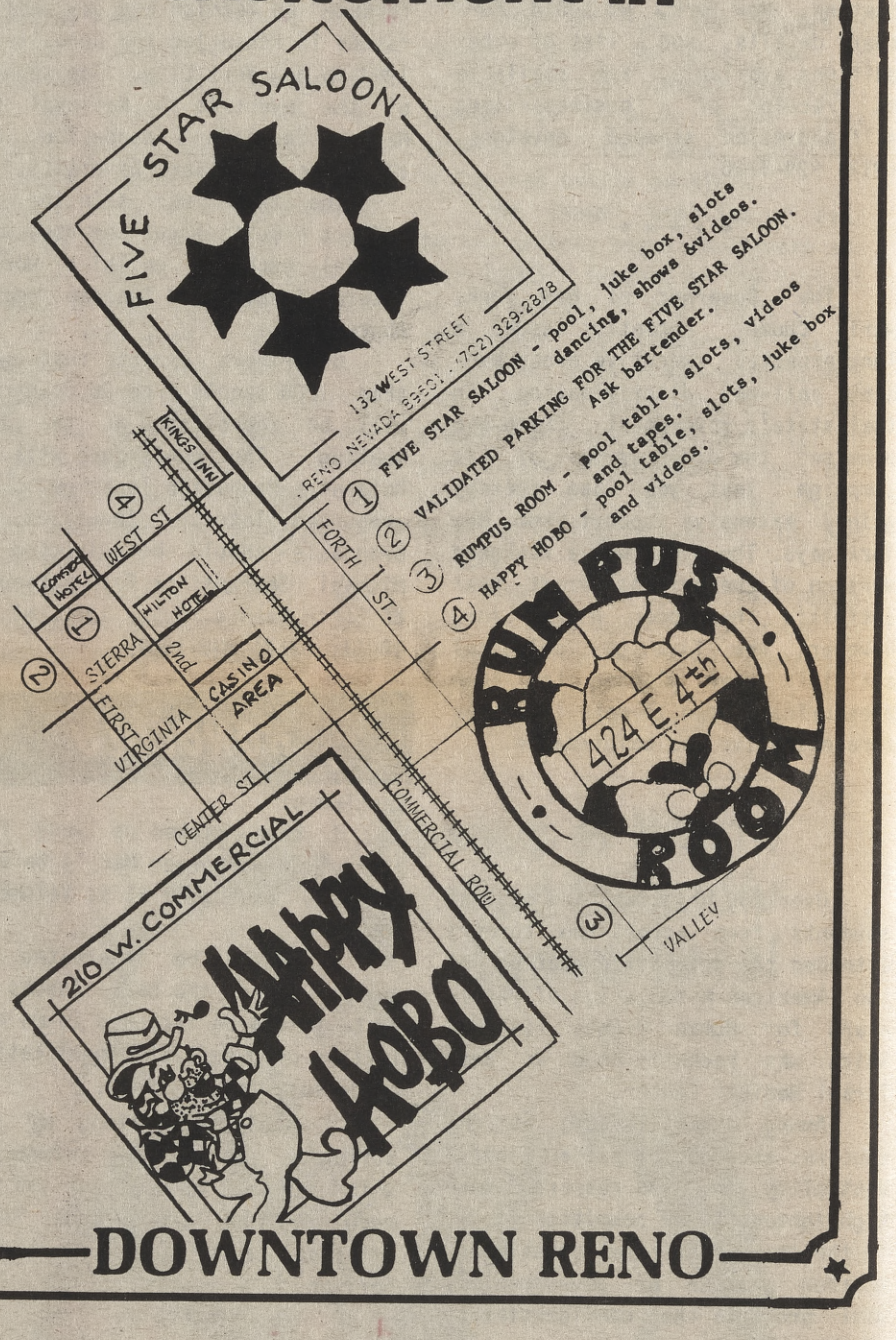

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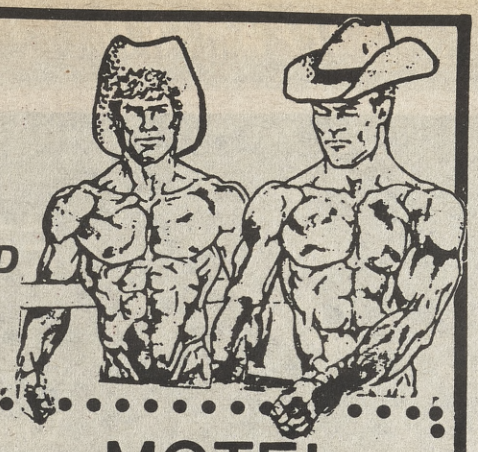

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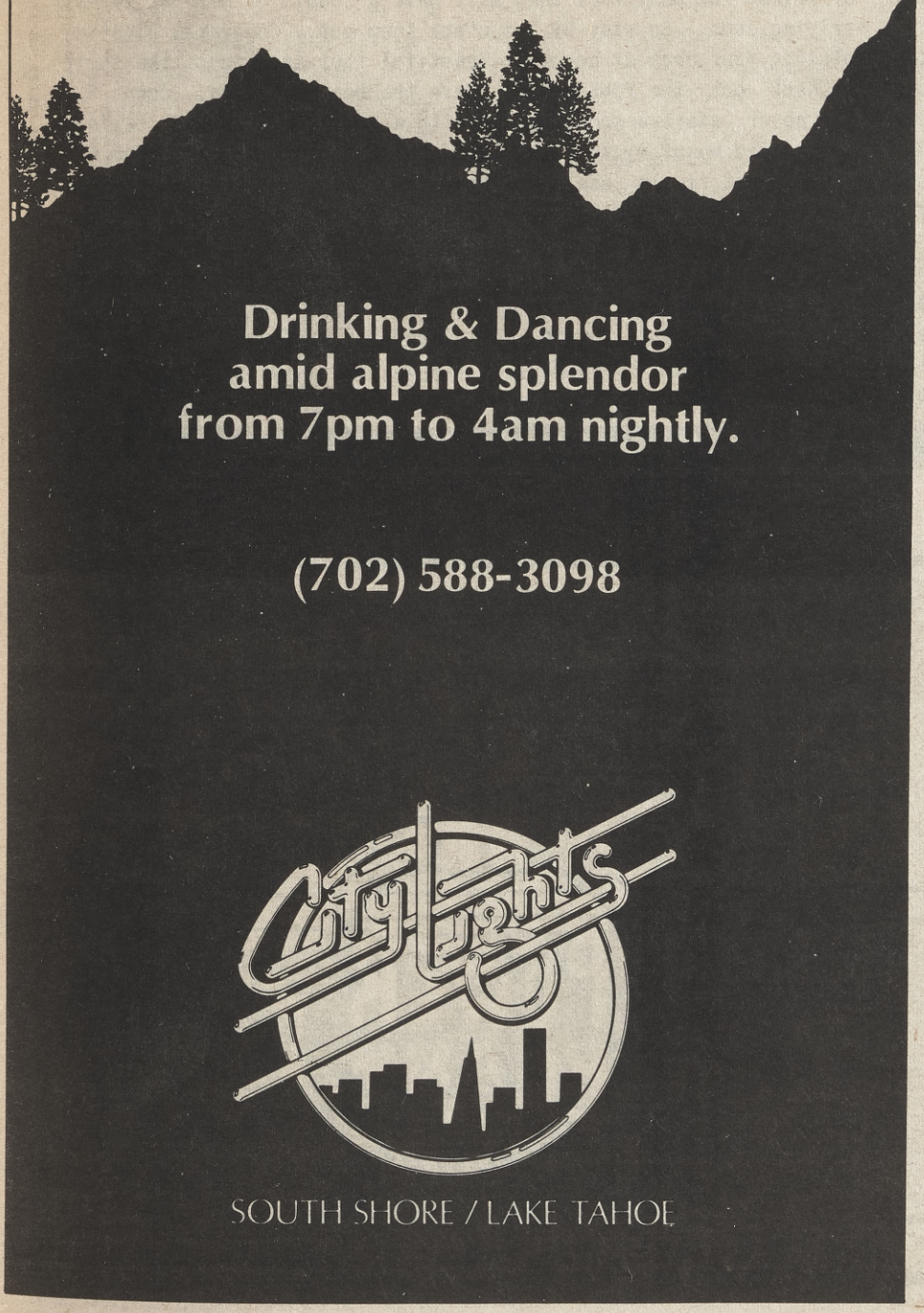

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CLEVELAND

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Chances are good for enacting pro-gay laws in Cleveland because of the city's liberal council and heavily Democratic population.

INDIANA

The Indiana Student Nurses Association passed a resolution recently at a statewide convention in Indianapolis calling for legislation which would ban discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation. The resolution was sponsored by the Indiana Central University Nurses Association.

SAN DIEGO

By Robert Colton

I had a chance to travel recently and went to San Diego. It gave me a change to visit some very dear friends.

Those who are looking for a place in the sun to visit should plan a trip to San Diego. People there are really friendly. If you go by air, be sure to get a window seat because the skyline of San Diego on arriving or departing is really thrilling.

There are several people I saw that I want to let you know about. Babe, who owns The Loft, is one of the nicest and warmest persons that anyone could ever ask for. The bartenders at The Loft are dressed in white and black, a very nice touch.

The bar known as the Show Biz is run by Clint and John. They provide a warm and friendly place to meet people, dance and party. They also have food. The place is B Jay 1421 University Avenue.

I'm glad to be back home again in good old San Jose. To all my readers, let's all have a really great 1984.

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The Second Annual National Pride Coordinator's Conference which was held in San Diego recently selected the slogan "Unity and More in '84'." The theme will be used during the gay and lesbian pride week celebrations held next summer.

WASHINGTON

Washington state gay activists are mobilizing to promote a gay rights bill. The effort is being lead by The Dorian Group, the oldest and largest organization for sexual minorities in the state of Washington.

Legislation got closer to passage last year than at any time since it was first introduced in 1977. The proposed bill failed in the state senate by one vote. Supporters expect such a bill will not become law until 1985.

CINCINNATI

A support and therapy group for men who are gay or uncertain about being gay is now being formed at the University of Cincinnati. It is not necessary to be a student to join. If interested in joining this group or in obtaining more information, stop by the Psychological Services Center on the UC Clifton Campus (Dyer Hall, Room 316) or call (513) 475-2941.

TOLEDO

There are hundreds of small presses around the country printing lesbian books. The Lavender Triangle, a Toledo organization, has an extensive catalogue of titles from the Womanspace Bookstore in Arizona. It is available by mail for $1.50, which includes postage. Send your mail request to The Vineline, PO Box 4461, Toledo, OH 43620

MISSISSIPPI

Members of the gay community who want to keep informed about candidates for political office are encouraged to attend Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus meetings as well as events sponsored by the Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA). MGA provides a number of educational, political, referral, and counseling and guidance services. It also operates a gay switchboard on a 24-hour basis. For information, contact MGA, 513 North State Street, PO Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39204, (601) 355-7495.

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More San Francisco

Great Outdoors has just started reorganizing in San Francisco and is extending a special offer to the women of the San Francisco Bay Area--six months free membership to all women who call or write before February 28, 1984. The group hopes to have its chapter membership equally divided between the men and women before the end of February. Persons who want to join or get more information should call (415) 821-6773 or write Great Outdoors, 345 Diamond St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco is one of America's leading lesbian and gay theatres. With more that 800 subscribers to its credit, it has enjoyed constant expansion of both programs and facilities.

The facility has two stages and over 6000 square feet and is located in the newest cultural district which boasts the Eureka Theatre, Victoria Theatre, Margaret Jenkins and the Oberlin Dance Collective, Valencia Rose, and the Women's Building.

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The Campaign for Family Partner Benefits will sponsor a "Night of Comedy and Music" at Sierra II Theater, February 4, 1984 at 8 PM. Romanoffsky and Phillips, a gay male satire team from San Francisco, and Lea DeLaria and Jeannine Strobel, lesbian musicians and comics also from the city, will be performing. Admission will be $6. Tickets will be available from Lioness Books, 2224 J Street in Sacramento, early in December.

The campaign for Family Partner Benefits is a coalition of organizations concerned with the legal rights of gay men and lesbians. Proceeds from the event will be donated to a legal fund for lawsuits which challenge employee family benefits denied due to sexual orientation.

Two lawsuits being considered for funding by the Campaign are Allen Chamberlin vs. Frontier Airlines and Boyce Hinman vs the State of California. Allen Chamberlin is suing his employer, Frontier Airlines, for travel and reduced-rate benefits for his male life partner of nine years. Mr. Chamberlin alleges on the job harassment, discrimination, and invasion of privacy.

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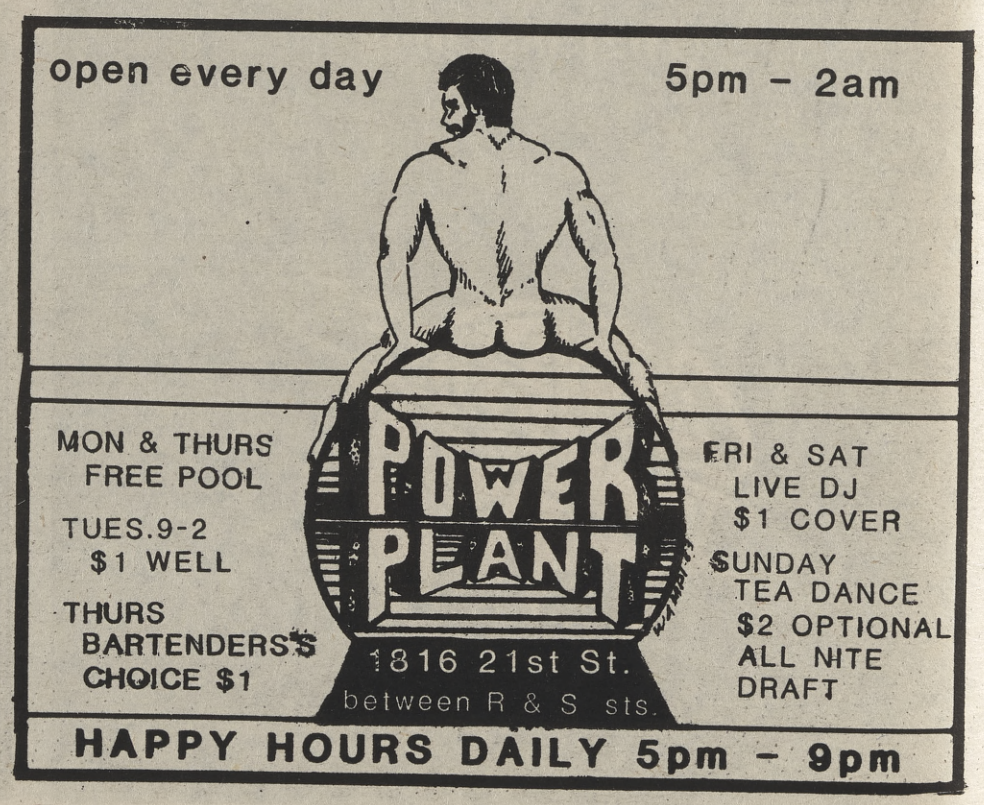

BOOKS OF INTEREST TO GAY READERS

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN, by Manuel Puig. Trans., Thomas Colchie. Vintage Books, N.Y., 281 pp. $3.50.

Reviewed by Jay Harrison.

When Argentine Manuel Puig published his first novel, BETRAYED BY RITA HAYWORTH, he left critics and readers more baffled than entertained. But they suspected the presence of original talent, a writer capable of high-wire literary theatrics, and a relentless concentration on the tragedy of twentieth-century common man: isolation in the midst of throngs, helplessness in the face of boredom and tediousness, and the intuition that real life leads to nothing.

With the appearance of his second novel, HEARTBREAK TANGO, Puig's readers began to catch on to his system, his use of the movies, popular music, and popular literary genres to illuminate the desperation of his characters. When life is a small affair, the movies are not only escape, they are meaning. As Rita Hayworth betrays Tyrone Power, so life betrays those who aspire to it.

In KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN (banned in Argentina) Puig has achieved a disarmingly moving, a brilliant, small story of the growth, fruition, and demise of a homosexual love story. Set almost entirely in a prison cell, dramatized throughout with no narrator's voice, no description, but only dialogue, interior monologue, and police reports, trimmed to the skeleton of exterior detail, it nevertheless creates two flesh-and-blood, warm, believable men.

Molina, thirty-seven, a Buenos Aires window dresser, is in prison for corruption of a minor, for fooling around with an underage boy. He sees himself, with all candor and richness, as a woman, something his younger, straight cellmate, Valentin, cannot comprehend. Valentin, a more important prisoner for being a Marxist agitator, has been encarcerated and brutally treated for "promoting disturbances with strikers."

To pass the time during their sleepless evenings, Molina entertains Valentin with long, detailed accounts of romantic movies, with much attention to women's hairdos and dresses, the "fabulous" men who love them, the fantastic plots involving voodoo witch doctors, cruel magnates, and panther women. And Molina cares for Valentin like a wife and mother when he suffers from the poisoned food the penitentiary warden is feeding him with the intent of softening him up enough to learn the names of his comrades and their revolutionary plans.

The government officials believe they have enlisted Molina as a stool pigeon, tantalizing him with the promise of pardon (he's serving eight years as a sexual offender!), assuming they have in their clutches a patsy, a self-centered fag who would do anything to free himself. What they don't count on is Molina's capacity for devotion, his strength, his need to serve and to sacrifice; he is, in other words, the heroine of his own life.

Valentin, the political realist, believes nothing is forever. "It's a question," he says, "of learning to accept things as they come, and to appreciate the good that happens to you, even if it doesn't last long," a position, ironically, which serves both as a capstone to Valentin's political committment and Molina's romantic one.

Therefore, the plot turns on two pivots--the personal relationship between the cellmates and the political intrique between Valentin (and eventually Molina) and the faceless totalitarian officials.

But, besides Molina and Valentin's touching story, Puig writes, in long footnotes which occasionally outdistance the primary text, a sedate pseudo-scholarly essay on the theories of the physical origin of homosexuality and sexual oppression. He cites Freud, West, Marcuse, Rank, et al., weaving a remarkably readable summary of the psychoanalytic web out of which the thinking world tries to make sense both of its complex sexuality and the need, everywhere visible, to prohibit, to brainwash, to mold, and above all to punish free choice.

Molina's homosexuality, as much as Valentin's Marxist idealism, is revolutionary; neither can be tolerated by a corrupt government. Puig hopes that all marginal peoples will someday see how their causes are related and that it may require the strength to die, if necessary, for "the good that happens to you, even if it doesn't last long." Or as Valentin recognizes, it is only a flawed conception of responsibility that makes one stay away from political involvement. In KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN, Manuel Puig connects--in a literal way through the act of sex--the two aspects of political freedom: the rights to life and the rights to love.

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CORYDON, by Andre Gide. (Trans. by Richard Howard) Farrar/Straus/Giroux, N.Y., 135 pp. $16.95

Reviewed by Jay Harrison

CORYDON, a zoological apologia for homosexuality published privately in 1911, expanded in a signed commercial edition in 1925, is, as the translator notes, one of the books we must read to understand the development of the western mind in the first quarter of the twentieth century, at least insofar as it thought about sexuality.

Precisely in Gide's apparently uncertain, fluctuating language when he speaks of "uranism" may be found the key to the development of his own understanding. He intuited, even before reading Freud, that there is no true unity of experience among homosexuals any more than there is among heterosexuals. Any notion of the unity of sexual desire is false, a concept imposed upon--and often accepted by--"uranists," "pederasts," "inverts," "degenerates" by a repressive culture.

Almost simultaneous with Freud, Gide had realized that claims for exclusive sexuality were probably lies. "Psychoanalysis," said Freud, "finds that all men are capable of a homosexual object choice and that they have in fact performed it unconsciously." He would adventure further to conclude that any man who had honestly not experienced homosexual feelings was the true queer.

This was great news to Gide, exactly what he'd suspected all along, gleaned perhaps from his reading of classic literature. The Greeks believed, at least 2300 years before Freud or Gide, that everyone's nature was essentially bisexual.

CORYDON, here rendered by one of the best French-English translators of our time, asserts, through four dialogues, that homosexuality is common among the lower animals, it is normal to people who are inclined toward it, and the regard in which pederasty has held by the Greeks elevated it for all times to the sublime.

The dialogues take place between Corydon, a brilliant young doctor, and an unnamed narrator, the bigot's advocate, as it were. Many a reader will recognize his own dilemma, his own groping in the dark of his mind, in the young Corydon who, like most, at first believed his case altogether ex-

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By Bill Mooney

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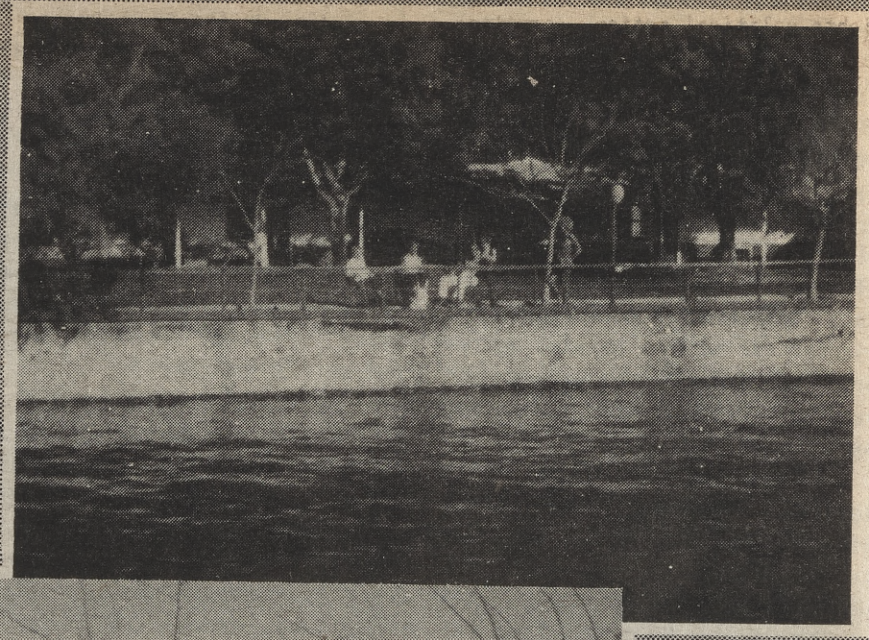

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HAGERSTOWN

Groups in gay communities throughout Maryland are forming a state-wide network. The organizers intend to coordinate political action and to provide social support. Plans for a conference, educational activities, and legislative work are underway. Participation from individuals and organizations in Marylnad is needed. Contact the Maryland Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, c/o PO Box 1952, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

MODESTO

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County which is a non-profit service organization is requesting the donation of unused items as well as the return of property being stored by private individuals for the Empire. Storage space is now available; so props, equipment, and other property can be put in one location. This will enable function organizers to readily determine what materials are available. To make arrangements to move items to central storage location, call Ron at (209) 527-0740 or Bill at (209) 524-5327.

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Late in December, a third bar for Modesto's Gay community opened. The name of this business is GEMINI and it is located at 621 H Street, same location as the former NEW ERA.

KEY WEST

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national pro-gay civil rights political action committee, recently wound up fundraising activities with a series of events in Key West.

The Campaign Fund, which has operated for the last four years, has a goal of a minimum one million dollar war chest for the 1984 elections. (During the 1981-1982 elections, over $609,000 was raised.)

The drive began January 17 in Los Angeles with a $1000 per plate dinner. A San Francisco reception and dinner party followed four days later. Major events are also planned in Dallas and Houston during the early part of 1984.

COLUMBUS

Gays and lesbians in Columbus are hopeful that the protection of anti-discrimination laws will be extended to them in the near future.

Columbus, which already has pro-gay laws covering housing and public accommodations, will soon be asked to outlaw anti-gay discrimination in city employment, according to spokespersons from Stonewall Union, a Columbus gay-rights organization.

Stonewall, with the help of a city council sponsor, will introduce the proposal in early 1984. Six of seven council members have verbally supported gay rights and are expected to support the upcoming proposal.

Chances are believed to be excellent and no problems are expected.

Columbus's Stonewall Union has been organized for 2½ years and has become an effective political machine, by raising money, registering gay and lesbian voters, endorsing and supporting successful city council candidates, and organizing the annual Ohio Gay Pride Parade.

DILLARD

The Northwest Gathering will be held Feb. 17-20 for the third year. It will feature a sauna, hot tubs, friends, and star gazing. A registration fee of $100 is set with a sliding scale. For more information, write NW Gathering, PO Box 942, Dillard, OR 97432.

More About Books

ceptional: "For how could I suspect at the time that it was common?" He acted the role expected of him in public, then slipped into despondency when alone, supposing himself diseased, until he came upon a sentence by the Abbe Galiani: "The important thing is not to be cured but to be able to live with one's disease."

Corydon, with analytical turn of mind, was able to take the more important step toward understanding by "curing" himself, by convincing himself he wasn't sick, that "the deviation of his instinct was quite natural." He is now writing a book which will argue that pederasty is normal and, in the upbringing of a youth, much to be preferred, and that the male element in nature is a kind of evolutionary irrelevancy, anyway. The female exists in nature for constancy of the species, the male to provide variation. It isn't fertilization the animal seeks, says Corydon, but simple pleasure. And so, to extend the argument, it is only "natural" to seek sexual pleasure wherever it may be gratified.

Modern bigots, while trying to classify all homosexuals into one great unifying category, thus making them easier to restrain, immediately step outside their one quarrel when the subject turns to pederasty. They are, or pretend to be, most horrified by the idea of love between man and boy, apparently so common among the Greeks and many other Mediterranean cultures. The contemporary man-boy societies, just now coming out of the closet, even to the shock of many gays (only illustrating again that gays cannot be lumped together; repression replicates repression), will find in Gide's Fourth Dialogue comfort and some sound historical/literary precedents. "Friend" and "lover" were synonymous terms for the Hellenes and the implication is that a man is far better teacher and lover for a boy than a woman because the man, having traversed adolescence himself, is in a superior position to understand, to sympathize, and to guide.

A stumbling block looms up in the mists, however. In the Greek system, the youth, at about age twenty-two, was expected to become a "man"; that is, to turn his attention to woman, to marry, presumably in time to become the lover-guide of some other pubescent boy.

And they didn't admire effeminacy. Usually in Greek literature an adult "queen" is relegated to the same rank as a harlot, indicating a repressive society in Athens, too, one quite able of exploiting sexual orientation or practice. There must have been a lot of frustrated G/Ps stoically playing out their roles of husband, father, warrior, and guide when what they ached for they had supposedly foregone at twenty-two.

CORYDON is worth reading, even now, more than fifty years after its completion, for the grace of Gide's writing, his refusal to sit at the feet of hypocrisy, as a history of repression of human sexuality, and as a somewhat hesitant reassurance of the normalcy of homosexual instinct.

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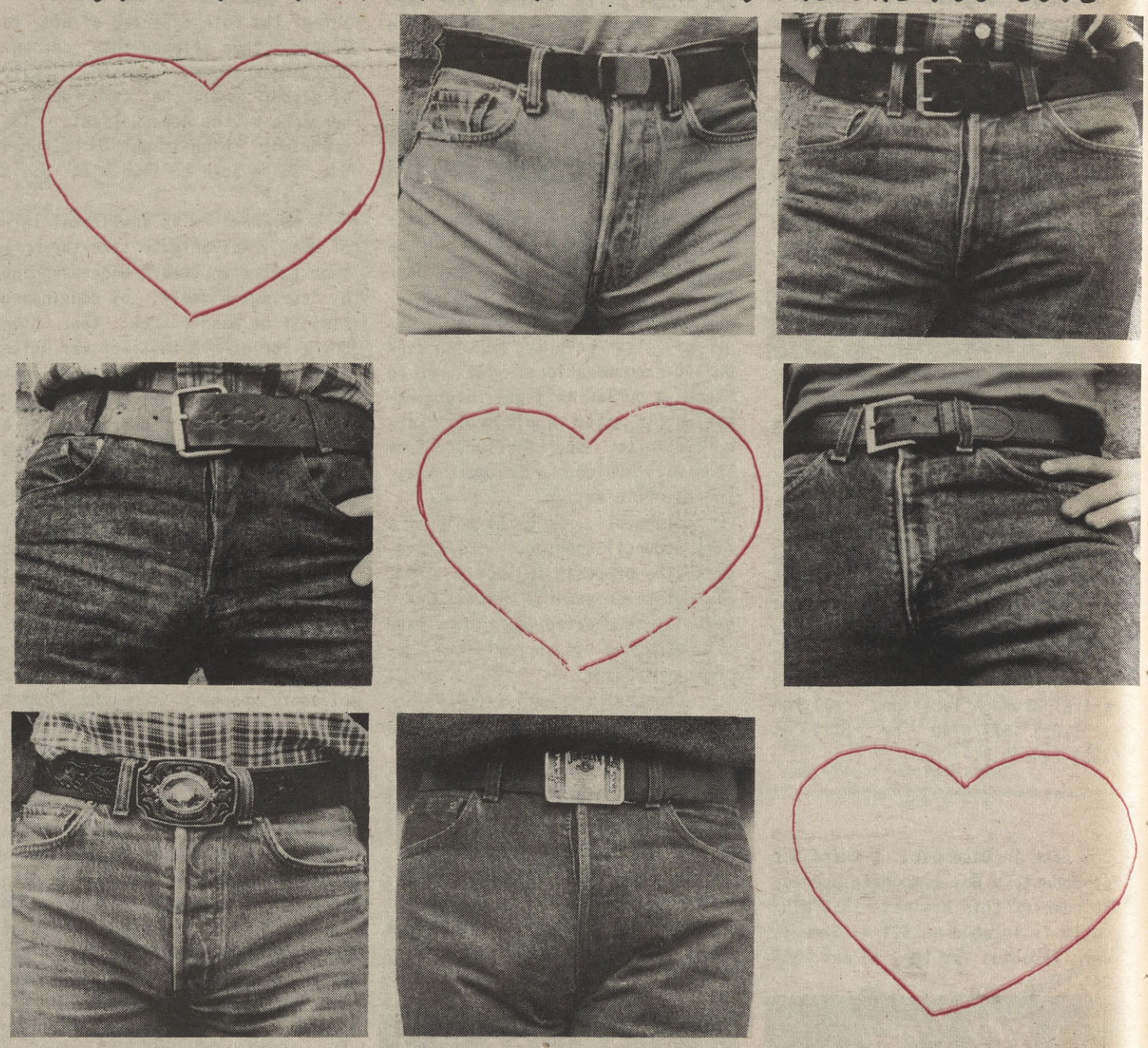

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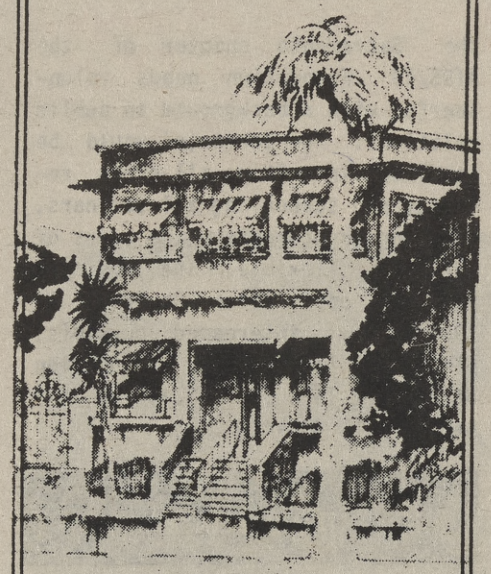

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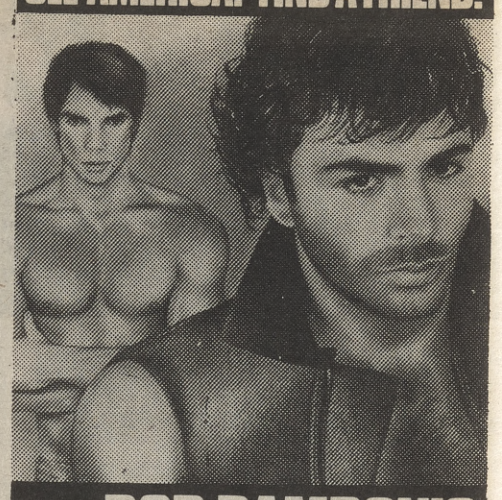

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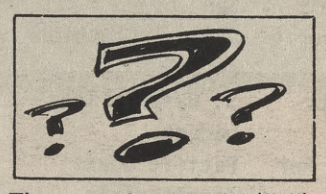

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GETTING THERE

By Tom Dolan

I NEVER SAID I WAS PERFECT

"I'm going to consume you," snarled Troy through clenched teeth as he rolled off the sofa with Arthur. Arthur was more concerned about being consumed by the flames in the fireplace. He was worried about his sweatshirt, which was emblazoned with the name of a famous designer. "Stop thinking and shut up!" he told his brain. Twenty minutes later, Troy and Arthur lay in darkness, savoring the peace that follows exertion.

"Talk to me," say Troy.

Arthur frowns. Over the years he has developed that look of chronic petulance unreasonably attractive men sometimes cultivate. "Whatever about?" he asks.

"What do you look for in a man?" says Troy.

Arthur knew Troy liked him. Arthur also knew he was still looking.

"Once I get past the physical stuff", Arthur replies, "what moves me most is passion. And intelligence. And sensitivity. And... shall I go on?"

"Am I your type?" asks Troy.

"I can see where this is leading," thinks Arthur, his mind functioning once again. "Yes, but there are many types that appeal to me. I'm not about to rule out surfers, sharecroppers, or motorcycle cops." He decides Troy is a 'preppy.'

"What about sex?" asks Troy.

"What about it?"

"Do you always like to do what we did tonight?"

"No, but it was very nice."

"You're not into any particular scene?"

"I like different things at different times. There's some things I seem to enjoy over and over. I'm not going to tell you what they are. You're going to have to find out the hard way."

"Sounds like fun. Does that mean we'll get together again?" asks Troy.

"I hope so," says Arthur. "I have this rule about not going home with somebody unless I think I'm going to see him more than once."

"No one-night stands."

"Not anymore. I'm trying to reduce my chances of catching you know what."

"When's the last time you were with somebody?" asks Troy.

"Oh, about a month ago. How about you?" asks Arthur.

"Oh, about the same, unless you count the baths."

"You still go to the tubs?"

"Hardly ever. Maybe once a week"

"Isn't that risky?"

"I've decided it's not where you go but what you do that matters. You can catch it from the guy you met at the church social. AIDS will still be around when the last bathhouse has closed its doors. The important thing is to take precautions."

"You mean rubbers?"

"Yeah."

"Well, how come you didn't use one tonight?"

"Let's say I forgot. Anyway, I hate rubbers. Another thing is never let the other guy come in your mouth."

"You let me come in your mouth. I hope you didn't swallow it," said Troy.

"Well, maybe I did, just a little. I'm going to rinse my mouth out it a few minutes. And always shower, and inspect the other guy's body before you jump into bed with him."

"How come we didn't do that?" asks Troy.

"There wasn't time. Anyway, it would have broken our concentration. And, remember, no poppers!"

"We used poppers."

"I know. Sex isn't nearly as much fun without poppers. It's not as if we used them all the time."

"This was our first time."

"I know.""

"Another thing is to check out your partner's general health by asking a few questions."

"Like 'Have you ever had V.D.?'"

"Yeah."

"Well, have you?"

"Isn't this the conversation we're supposed to have BEFORE we jump into bed?" asks Troy.

"What about hepatitis?"

"Once or twice."

"I sure hope you didn't swallow my cum."

"I haven't forgotten. Gee, I hope we can get together again," says Troy.

"Let's talk about it in the morning," says Arthur.

"Say, listen. I gotta work in the morning."

"Can I have your phone number?"

"I'm moving soon."

"That's okay. I'd still like to have it."

"I wasn't gonna tell you this, but I'm sorta seeing somebody."

"But you're not monogamous?"

"My idea of monogamy is one man at a time."

"Let's hear it for 'Endless Love,'" thinks Arthur.

"Do you want my phone number?"

"I'm sure I'll see you around."

"You really should have pulled out before you came."

"I never said I was perfect."

"Say, what's your name?"

"Arthur. What's yours?"

"Troy. Glad to meetcha, Troy."

"See you around."

"Yeah. Say, Arthur, don't forget your sweatshirt. And don't forget to spit out my come."

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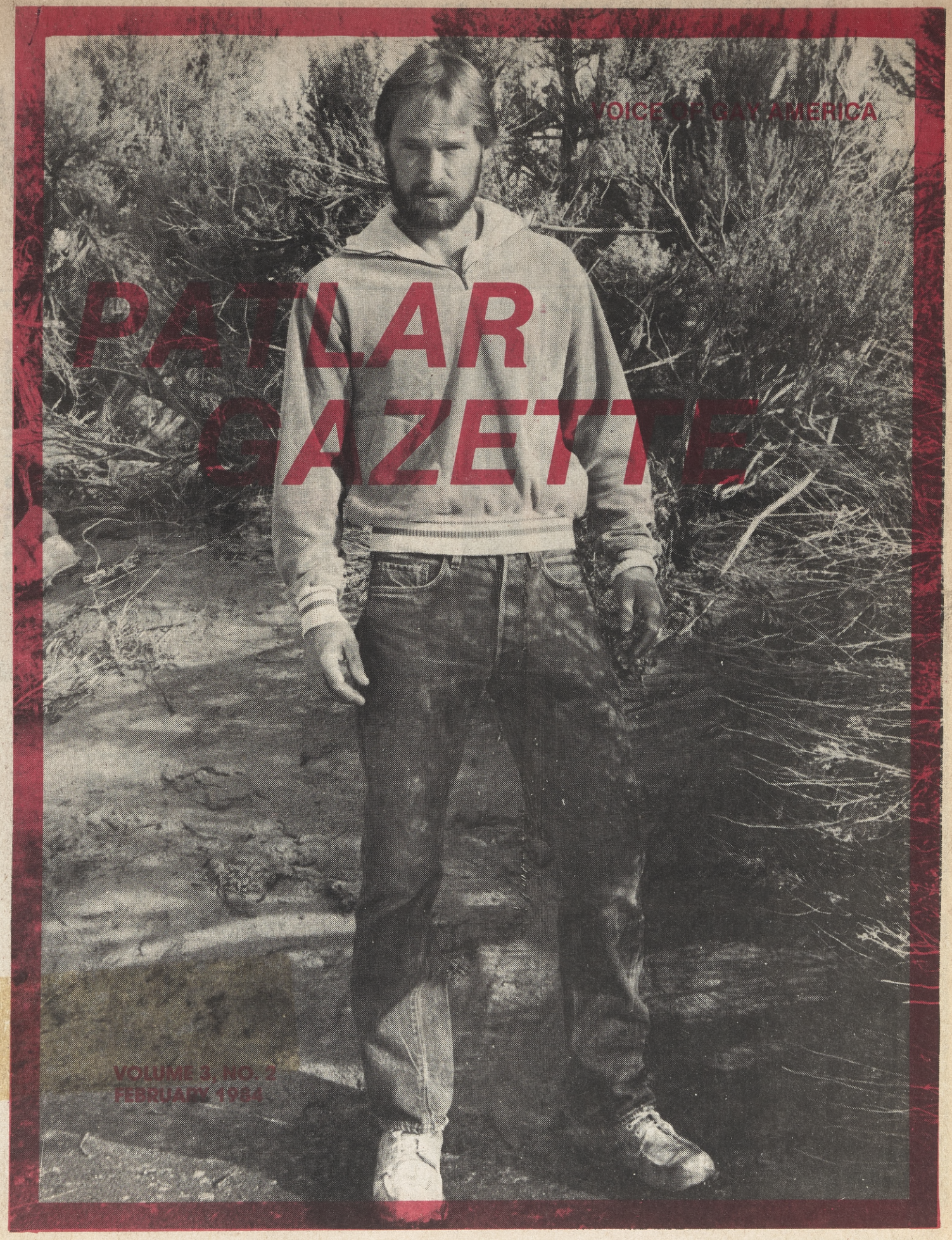

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